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RAILROAD STRIKE ORDER IS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MONDAY

TRANSPORTATION LINES WILL PROBABLY BE TIED UP LABOR DAY.

MEDIATION PROVES FUTILE

Railroad Magnates Refuse to Accept Plan Suggested by the President.

WILL NOT AGREE TO 8-HOUR BASIS

Birmingham Report Says That Southern will Run Trains—Local Officials Uninformed.

Negotiations looking towards a settlement of the differences between American railroads and their employees have so far failed to accomplish the desired result, and unless some unexpected mediatory transaction takes place the threatened strike will occur next Monday, September 4, which will be Labor Day. The strike order has been issued, taking effect at 7 a. m. on that date, and agents of different lines throughout the country, have already been instructed not to receive perishable freight.

Mr. Claude Neyman, local freight agent for the Southern Railway, on Tuesday received from the headquarters of the company in Washington a telegram instructing him not to accept any freight for shipment after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and while Mr. W. S. Hadden, local freight agent of the B. & O. and Ohio, has as yet received nothing from his superior officers on the subject similar instructions may reach him later.

The Birmingham News of Tuesday published a story to the effect that railroads entering that city had made arrangements to operate trains regardless of the walkout and already had men there to take the place of the strikers. The Southern Railway has a line running between Birmingham and this city, and Mr. F. E. Patton, the local superintendent, was asked by the Commercial yesterday if he knew of any arrangements by which trains were to be kept in operation during the impending strike. Mr. Patton stated that he knew nothing about any such arrangements, having received no instructions whatever regarding the matter.

President Wilson will ask Congress to pass a bill authorizing him, as the official head of the Federal government, to assume charge of the railroads and to commandeer the services of both officials and operatives in order that train service may be hindered or interfered with. A reasonable period must elapse, however, before such a law can be enacted, and in the meantime it looks like traffic throughout the country will be tied up.

The President will lay before Congress a definite plan of legislation for dealing with the situation. It includes bills laid before him by Senator Newlands, after conferences with acting Attorney-General Todd, Secretary Lane and several members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. The bills which will be taken up first are:

A bill patterned after the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act, providing for investigation of disputes between railroads and their employees, and preventing strikes and lockouts during the period of the investigation.

An eight-hour law for railroad employees, with a provision that sufficient time shall be given the railroads to prepare for its operation.

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Wilson, laying the railway strike situation before Congress with recommendations for legislation, advanced the crisis to a stage where the next development depends upon two points. They are:

Whether the legislation he proposes can be passed.

If enacted will it be effective to prevent a strike already called for 7 a. m. September 4?

Neither of these questions have yet been answered.

The brotherhood heads themselves, announcing their intention to fight certain portions of the President's programme, are at loggerheads over

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The "Prohibition Special," carrying J. Frank Hanley, the presidential candidate, and Dr. Ira Landrith, candidate for vice-president, on their two-month tour of the nation, will stop at approximately 600 towns, it has been announced from the Prohibition headquarters in Chicago. The slogan of the campaign is "A Million Votes for Prohibition." The special train, which is to leave Chicago on September 8, will make at least 10 towns per day.

Fair-haired, light-complexioned children are more susceptible to infantile paralysis than those with dark skin and hair, according to Dr. Archibald L. Hoyne, a member of the commission appointed to investigate the plague in Chicago. Of the first 30 cases brought to the Cook County Hospital in that city, only one of the babies was dark complexioned.

Contrary to reports there was no gold in the cargo of the German merchant submarine Deutschland when she sailed from Baltimore on her return voyage to Germany, according to the underwater liner's manifest made public in that city on Tuesday. Her cargo consisted only of crude rubber, bar nickel and crude tin and weighed 1,735,000 pounds.

Gen. Pershing has withdrawn the Thirtieth cavalry from El Valle to Colonia Dublin, according to a recent official announcement, which added that the move bore no significance. El Valle was the advance base of the expeditionary force, and is located 90 miles below Colonia Dublin.

An initial reserve pension fund of \$1,000,000 for accredited rabbis serving congregations in the United States has been recommended by the special commission on superannuated ministers' fund.

Mrs. G. E. Parks, telephone operator at Columbus, N. M., when Villa and his bandits raided the town on March 9 last, has been presented with a silver dining service and a gold watch by the New Mexico Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Parks was sleeping in the telephone office when the bandits attacked and, although the building was riddled with bullets and her two-year-old child was at her side, stayed at her post until rescued by the Thirtieth cavalry.

whether its enactment would prevent the strike.

The railway presidents, favorable to President Wilson's plans in the main, think it would make it difficult for the strike to begin.

When the brotherhood leaders this morning rejected the latest proposals of the railroads and definitely set the strike for Labor Day without further notice, President Wilson decided to lay the whole situation before Congress. Before a joint session of House and Senate and with a solemn recital of the distress and disaster a strike would bring to the country, he proposed a plan of legislation. This is the President's proposal in his own language:

"First, immediate provision and administrative reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission along the lines embodied in the bill recently passed by the House and now awaiting action by the Senate; in order that the commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and a thoroughness which are with its present constitution and means of action practically impossible.

"Second, the establishment of an eight hour day as the legal basis alike of work and wages in the employment of all railway employees who are actually engaged in the work of operating trains in interstate transportation.

"The authorization of the appointment by the President of a small body of men to observe the actual results in experience of the adoption of the eight hour day in railway transportation alike for the men and for the railroads; its effect in the matter of operating costs, in the application of the existing practices and agreements to the new conditions, and in all other practical aspects, with the provision that the investigators shall report their conclusions.

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS CAN'T HOLD FEDERAL JOBS

NATIONAL BANK OFFICIALS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF INELIGIBLES.

The following correspondence recently passed between Hon. Vance McCormick, chairman of the National Democratic Campaign Committee, and Hon. Jos. E. Norwood, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, will be read with interest, as it shows that no man who is in any way connected with the Federal government is eligible as a presidential elector:

"Magnolia, Miss., Aug. 25. "I am today in receipt of the following telegram from Hon. Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee:

"It is imperative that no officer of the United States or officer or director of a national bank should be nominated for presidential elector, as such officers are constitutionally disqualified. We must not take the hazard of losing an electoral vote through the selection of a candidate who is not eligible. See to it that this provision is observed in your state. If any electoral candidate who is an officer of the United States or a director of a national bank has been nominated, he should either resign as a candidate for elector or give up the official position he holds. I urge you to give prompt attention to this important matter.

"Vance C. McCormick, "Chairman."

"Nomination of the following candidates for presidential electors of Mississippi on the Democratic ticket were made by the state convention of the party held at Jackson last May:

"F. C. Sharp, of Prentiss county; S. J. Owen, of Union; Roger Montgomery, of Tunica; Hugh M. Bradley, of Yalobusha; J. L. Byrd, of Newton; J. D. Donald, of Forrest; Jas. McClure, of Jefferson; James McDowell, of Hinds.

"We're pretty sure that none of these candidates for Democratic presidential elector is an official of the United States government. I do not know that any of them is a director of a national bank.

"If the state convention has nominated a candidate who is barred for either reason as stated in Chairman McCormick's wire, he should do one of the two things suggested by Mr. McCormick—retire as a candidate or resign his official position.

"This matter is of the utmost importance and since I have not the postoffice addresses of all the electors I am asking the press of the state to give it publicity so they can be reached.

"Candidates for presidential elector should write me at once concerning their eligibility so that I may advise Mr. McCormick.

"Jos. E. Norwood, "Sec. Dem. State Ex. Com."

SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS CAUSES SUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN

EAST TENNESSEE COAL OPERATORS SEEK TO SECURE DAMAGES IN SUM OF \$100,000.

In view of the fact that a car shortage has recently existed in Columbus, the following special concerning a suit instituted against the Southern Railway by coal operators at Knoxville, Tenn., for damages in the sum of \$100,000 for loss resulting from a similar shortage, will be read with interest here:

"A number of leading coal operators of East Tennessee have engaged counsel to bring suit against the Southern Railway for recovery of approximately \$100,000 claimed to have been lost by them because of the alleged failure of the railroad company to furnish cars with which to transport coal.

"The alleged shortage is claimed to have existed for several years and to have become 'desperate' this year.

"It is asserted that the railroad company contends that it has been unable to purchase additional equipment because of demands of increases in wages of employees to which it has acceded and also because of reductions in tariff.

Christian Church Services.

The presence of every member is desired at the morning service the coming Sunday. There will be no evening service, as the minister will be away in a revival meeting.

SECOND PRIMARY OCCURS TUESDAY

ELECTORS OF THIRD DISTRICT TO NOMINATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

SYKES AND KNOX THE CANDIDATES

Vote Should be Larger Than in First Contest, when Few People Turned Out.

Next Tuesday will witness the second Democratic primary for the nomination of such officers as are to be officially named at the regular election next November, and it is to be hoped that a larger number of ballots will be cast than in the first primary, when the vote was unusually small.

The only official to be nominated in this district is a supreme court justice, and the two opposing candidates are Judge E. O. Sykes of Aberdeen, the incumbent, and Hon. R. M. Knox of Houston. In the first primary Judge Sykes received 13,690 votes, while his nearest opponent received 11,989. The third candidate, Judge McGowan, of Water Valley, was given 5,581 votes in the first primary, and as this gentleman, under the provisions of the law, drops out, the remaining candidates will try to capture his vote in the second contest. The time intervening between the two contests, however, has been so short, that neither candidate was able to deliver many addresses, and most of their appeals to voters have been through circulars and newspapers.

The following is a list of the officers selected by the Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee to conduct the election at the various polling places throughout the county:

District No. 1, Caledonia—E. O. Harker, W. D. Stephenson, J. P. Parker, judges; D. T. Groves, W. A. Myers, clerks; R. D. Wiggins, peace officer.

District No. 2, North Side, Columbus—J. M. Morgan, J. T. Clardy, Hogan Duncan, judges; Dave Sessums, Carroll Hackleman, clerks; John Morehead, peace officer. South Side, Columbus—G. H. Curtis, A. H. Kilpatrick, H. H. Gunter, judges; J. J. Richards, Julius Marx, clerks; W. H. Foreman, peace officer.

District No. 3, Steens—T. W. Belsher, J. J. Loftis, W. T. Cole, judges; W. A. Lawrence, J. A. Odum, clerks; Jim Woods, peace officer.

Mt. Vernon—Jim Barksdale, Morris Gee, Ben Griffin, judges; Claude Christopher, R. M. Daves, clerks; L. F. Taggart, peace officer.

Old Zion—S. T. Sparks, B. B. Weaver, P. M. Halbert, judges; W. C. Boyd, J. P. Halbert, clerks; J. A. Hicks, peace officer.

District No. 4, Trinity—W. E. Cox, W. L. Ervin, N. B. Bailey, judges; Hugh Townsend, Robert Hardy, clerks.

Crawford—T. F. Carr, A. J. Ervin, Jr., J. J. Waller, judges; W. W. Hartman, G. W. Hairston, Jr., clerks; M. B. Kemp, peace officer.

District No. 5, Thomas' Store—Nat Gaine, J. R. Thomas, W. G. Evans, judges; Dudley Watson, A. E. Herring, Jr., clerks; J. M. Slaughter, peace officer.

Mayhew—C. C. Anderson, Sr., W. H. Castles, J. D. Burgin, judges; J. A. Burgin, J. E. Smith, clerks; E. Askew, peace officer.

Artesia—G. W. Bush, A. C. Cox, J. N. Roberts, judges; J. H. Harvey, T. B. Hardy, clerks; T. Ragsdale, peace officer.

SLIGHT FLUCTUATIONS ARE RECORDED IN COTTON MARKET

VERY QUIET SESSION FOLLOWS PERIOD OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN EXCHANGES.

Following a sensational drop on Monday, the cotton market has since been comparatively steady. The market regained a portion of its loss on Tuesday quotations having advanced from 16 to 28 points, while prices yesterday remained practically unchanged.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 15.80, October futures in New York at 15.88, New Orleans spots at 15.58 and October futures in New Orleans at 15.37. In the local market good middling was quoted at 14.85.

HANDLE FACTORY PROMISED SITE

CIVIC CHAMBER WILL RAISE \$300 TOWARDS PURCHASE OF LOT.

PAY ROLL MUST BE \$500 MONTHLY

Terms of Agreement Set Forth in Letter Written by Secretary Weatherly.

The Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County has agreed to raise \$300 towards the purchase of a site for the plant which the West Point Handle and Lumber Company, of West Point, Miss., proposes to establish in this city. It is provided in the agreement that the pay roll shall average a minimum of \$500 per month and that the plant must be kept in operation at least 75 per cent of the time for a period of two years.

The terms of the agreement are fully set forth in the following letter, which was recently sent by Secretary Weatherly, of the Chamber of Commerce, to Mr. E. E. Hills, general manager of the West Point Handle and Lumber Company:

"Mr. E. E. Hills, General Manager, "West Point Handle and Lumber Co., "West Point, Miss.,

"Dear Mr. Hills:—The Columbus Chamber of Commerce if necessary will participate in the purchase price for your proposed factory to the extent of 50 per cent of its cost, not to exceed \$300 expense to us, provided your plant operates at least seventy-five per cent of the time during a period of two years, and provided your payroll averages a minimum of \$500 per month for the said period, pay roll to consist of labor wages and not to include salary of employees nor amount expended in the woods.

"We propose that the site be bought and paid for in full, we paying our part in cash, you give a sufficient bond in the sum of \$500 as a guarantee that you would comply with the above requirements.

"We are informed that you can get the culvert factory and ground necessary for \$6,000, therefore, our proposition would take care of one-half of the purchase price of this property. Please advise at your earliest convenience if this is acceptable.

"Very truly yours,

J. G. Weatherly, "Manager."

Miss Terra Wilkins is visiting relatives in Itta Bena.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDORSES ARBITRATION

TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT FAVORS THIS METHOD OF SETTLING STRIKE.

A telegram has been sent to President Wilson by the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County in which the organization goes on record as favoring arbitration as a means of settling the threatened strike on the part of railroad employees throughout the country. The telegram, which follows, was sent to the President by Secretary J. G. Weatherly, of the local organization:

"Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President, "Washington, D. C.

"This organization is unalterably favorable to the principle that disputes between labor and capital should be adjusted by arbitration and in the present controversy between the railroads and labor unions there appears to us no sound reason why all of the matters in controversy should not be so adjusted.

"The Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County, "J. G. Weatherly, "Manager."

Fire Destroys Lumber.

About 350,000 feet of lumber at Shelton's saw mill, eighteen miles northeast of Columbus, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning. The cause of the blaze is not positively known, but it is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The lumber which was burned was owned by Messrs G. M. Flynn and George Lawrence.

JOHN R. BAIRD PASSES AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

WEALTHY RETIRED MERCHANT AND PLANTER DIES AT COLLEGE STREET HOME.

After a long and painful illness Mr. John R. Baird, a retired merchant and planter, died at his home, No. 1169 College street, at 4 o'clock last Sunday morning. He had been an invalid for many months, and his death, which came in the nature of a relief to the intense suffering which he had been called upon to undergo, was by no means unexpected.

Mr. Baird was a native of Lowndes county, having been born at Crawford in 1841, but most of his active life was spent in the delta, where he made a fortune in agricultural and mercantile pursuits. Several years ago a cancerous growth appeared upon his face, and after having disposed of his interests in the delta he took up his residence in this city, where he lived in retirement until the end came. He was a Confederate veteran, having fought gallantly through the progress of the civil war.

Deceased is survived by a son, Mr. J. C. Baird, of Baird; two brothers, Mr. J. B. Baird, of Fort Loring, Mr. R. W. Baird, of Inverness; a sister, Mrs. John Richards, of this city, and a niece, Mrs. Mary Pope, who also resides here.

The funeral took place at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, having been conducted by the rector, Rev. W. S. Slack. Interment at Friendship cemetery followed, and the high esteem in which deceased was held was attested by a large attendance and numerous beautiful floral offerings.

The following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. C. M. Reeves, Dabney Lipscomb, E. R. Hopkins, W. B. Hamilton, W. N. Puckett and Dr. W. E. Richards. The flower committee was composed of the following ladies: Messdames W. B. Hamilton, R. M. Knox, Dabney Lipscomb and H. M. Waddell.

Pretty Birthday Party.

Mrs. N. W. Whitfield entertained last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Laura Alice Whitfield, of Valdosta, Ga., the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. The hall and parlor were artistically decorated in golden glow and zennias and a pretty birthday cake with lighted tapers centered the dining table, imbedded in golden glow and zennias.

Dancing and games were enjoyed throughout the evening, a feature being a contest in which Miss Cecelia Slack won the prize and Miss Waterman Edwards was presented with the trophy. Miss Cecelia Slack added pleasure to the evening by giving a solo dance. Dainty refreshments were served to about fifteen guests.

Mr. W. W. Woodward, who is well known in Columbus, has been spending the past several days here in the interest of the American Commerce Association, of Chicago, of which he is district secretary. He is being given a warm welcome by his many friends in the city.

Mr. Weaver Returns Tomorrow.

Hon. B. A. Weaver, president of the Columbus National Bank, who for several weeks past has been sojourning at Manitou, Colorado, is expected home tomorrow. Mr. Weaver, who was ill during the early summer, went to Manitou to recuperate, and letters recently received here state that his health is much improved. This news will be joyously received, as he is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Columbus, his friends being limited only by the number of his acquaintances.

Lowndes County Lands

Well Thought Of. Hon. Levering Moore, president of the Mortgage Securities Company of New Orleans, spent two days during this week in our county on an inspection tour in the interest of his company, which makes a specialty of long time loans on farm lands. Mr. Moore expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the character of lands adjoining Columbus and stated that his company would be represented in this county, arrangements having been made with Mr. Parker Reeves, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, to look after their interests.

Interested parties may secure detailed particulars from Mr. Reeves at Merchants & Farmers Bank.

Mr. Hayden Brooks, the popular young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks, who for some time past has held a position in the shoe department at W. C. Beard's, Inc., expects to leave today for Birmingham, where he goes to take charge of the ladies' shoe department of the Forst Shoe Company.

LABOR AGENTS NOT TO BE TOLERATED

GIVEN WARNING NOT TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN LOWNDEN COUNTY.

FARMERS GATHER AT CITY HALL

Hon. J. I. Sturdivant Delivers Address in Which Timely Warning is Given.

As the result of an almost continuous exodus of negroes for several weeks past farmers in this section have become very much worried in anticipation of a scarcity of labor, and when J. E. Wilson, of Clarksville, Miss., recently came here to solicit hands to go to the delta he was placed under arrest by Chief of Police J. A. Morton, and taken to the city hall.

When it was learned that a labor agent had been taken into custody a large crowd of local planters went to the municipal building, and Hon. J. I. Sturdivant, a well known member of the local bar, who also owns a plantation in the prairie section west of the city, delivered a strong speech in which he informed Mr. Wilson that neither he nor any other man would be permitted to come here for the purpose of carrying off laborers. There is a law on the statute books of Mississippi prohibiting activities of this character and Mr. Sturdivant stated emphatically it would be rigidly enforced in Columbus and Lowndes county.

During the past few weeks a large number of negroes have left here for St. Louis and other points. The Mobile and Ohio railroad has sold a total of seventy-two tickets to negroes leaving the city, while it is likely that many others have left over the Southern railway. Although crops are small in this section, a limited number of hands will be required to gather what cotton and corn there is to be harvested, and local farmers want the negroes to stay here so they will experience no difficulty in securing sufficient labor to carry on agricultural operations next year.

Cattle Market Report.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Aug. 30.—Today's receipts—Cattle 8000; hogs 7000; sheep 2500.

Cattle—Trade very active and 15 to 25c higher on all classes of killing cattle compared with last week's close. The market for stocker and feeder cattle held full steady.

Quotations: (Tick Free) Good to choice quality thin steers, \$6 to \$6.50; good to choice, \$6.15 to \$6.65; medium to good, \$5.50 to \$6; common to medium, \$5 to \$5.50; good stock heifers, \$5 to \$5.75.

Hogs: Trade active and fully 10c higher on the good hogs 160 pounds and up; top \$11.20. These kinds are scarce. Bulk of the receipts are running largely to pigs and light weight stuff, many of which are grassy and half-fat, and the trade for these was only steady. Fat hogs 160 pounds up sold at a range of \$10.90 to \$11.20; pigs 120 to 150 pounds, \$9.50 to \$10.25; lighter weight pigs, \$7.50 to \$9.50; good rough hogs, \$9.50 to \$10; plain half-fat roughs, \$8.50 to \$9.25.

Sheep: Market active and generally steady compared with a week ago. The best fat native lambs sold at \$10 today. Half-fat lambs, \$8 to \$9; culls from \$4 to \$7; fat sheep, \$7 to \$7.25; choppers \$5.50; fat bucks, \$5.50; canner sheep, \$3 to \$3.50.

Ship Sheep and Swine.

While cotton, corn, hay and other agricultural products will bring small profits to local growers this season, stock raisers are prosperous, and those engaged in that business are making frequent shipments to the western markets. Mr. William Simpson, who manages a large stock farm in the prairie section west of Columbus, which was purchased a few years ago by an Indiana syndicate, has recently made large shipments of hogs to St. Louis, while Mr. J. C. McConnell, a native of Kentucky, who is operating a stock farm in the same neighborhood, has also shipped several cars of sheep to the same market.

Mr. M. F. Flood has returned to Columbus from a pleasant visit to New Orleans and several other cities.

Mr. G. E. Moss has returned to the city after a pleasant vacation, which was delightfully spent with friends in Magnolia.